

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 689

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to take action to control the infestation of southern pine beetles currently ravaging wilderness areas in the State of Texas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 1995

Mr. WILSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources and, in addition, to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTROL OF THE SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE IN**  
4 **WILDERNESS AREAS IN TEXAS.**

5 Notwithstanding section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act  
6 (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)) and section 4(a) of the Texas Wilder-  
7 ness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-574; 98 Stat. 3051),

1 the Secretary of Agriculture shall undertake active meas-  
2 ures—

3           (1) to control the infestation of the southern  
4 pine beetle in the five wilderness areas in the State  
5 of Texas designated in section 2 of the Texas Wil-  
6 derness Act of 1984; and

7           (2) to prevent the spread of the southern pine  
8 beetle from such wilderness areas to adjacent private  
9 forest lands.

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